

(16) Trichur Sub-Jail.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—“ This Council recommends to the Government to take immediate steps to provide a decent and well ventilated building for the sub-jail in Trichur Town”.. It appears that there is a general complaint that there are not sufficient accommodations for all the sub-jails in the State. I do not know the condition of the sub-jails in other parts. I happened to see the Trichur sub-jail recently and I thought that it is most inhuman to house people there. This sub-jail has four rooms. It is in the Trichur Police Station itself. There is a central hall and on either side there are two rooms about 6 feet, by 12 feet all covered by walls on three sides and by iron bars on the fourth. There is absolutely no light and air. The population of that sub jail will run up sometimes to 30, I am told. There are various classes of prisoners there—civil prisoners from Panchayat Courts, under trial prisoners, persons convicted for one month and political under-trial prisoners. There will be sometimes female prisoners also. All these will have to be huddled together in these four rooms. There are no urinals there. It is very strange. Sometimes, I am told, that they are compelled to pass urine in one corner and lie down in the other corner just like animals. They are shut up for the whole day and night. There is the central hall, a small room in which the Inspector holds his office. The suspects are dealt with in the presence of these prisoners. My submission is, it is most inhuman to huddle people like this in those insanitary places. It is high time to look into the matter and provide a separate building with well ventilated and airy rooms for the sub-jail in Trichur. It is a disgrace for a civilized Government like ours, to have such objectionable places for huddling prisoners. With these words I comment this resolution to the acceptance of the House.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May we know what the Inspector-General of Prisons has to say in this matter?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—He is not here.

Deputy President.—Anybody to second the motion?

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Sir, I beg to second it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This question of improving sub-jails was first brought forward before this Council two or three years ago. We had take up the improvement works of these sub-jails one by one. We have completed the works of Irinjalakkuda sub-jail and also that of Cranganur. The question of improving Trichur sub-jail was also taken up last year. We had prepared estimates for providing a building for the Trichur sub-jail. To the south of the present sub-jail

building there in an open space and the Government have now ordered to start the work as early as possible.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—It will be better to select a more suitable site. It is a very crowded place and the surroundings are not at all satisfactory.

Mr V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is necessary to have the new building constructed near the Police Station.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The Member for Urakam referred to the sub-jail of Trichur. I want to make it more general so that all the sub-jails in the State may be improved.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—As I have already explained we have taken up the question of improving all the sub-jails and we are taking up the work one by one. So practically we accept the resolution.

The following amendment to the resolution was considered withdrawn as it was not moved:—

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*Remove all words after the words 'provide' and substitute 'decent and well-ventilated buildings for all sub-jails in the State.'*

(17) Large-scale Industries.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Sir, I rise to move that "This Council recommends to the Government to conduct an enquiry by experts into the possibilities of starting large-scale industries in the State."

Sir, this subject, I am sure, will not meet with the approval of this House, because all of them know what has been the fate of the two industries already started in the State on a large scale. Yesterday morning the Director of Public Instruction, an educationist all his life, was saying that he was looking into the question of manufacturing cement at Chalakkudi. I could not imagine what his real qualification is to speak with any authority on the manufacture of cement and its possibility at Chalakkudi. I do not know from where he obtained all his information regarding the raw materials available in Chalakkudi for cement making. How is the Chalakkudi Pottery best fitted for the manufacture of cement? If gentlemen of his stamp who were educationists only all their life, are put in charge of the industrial department of the State, it is no wonder that industries do not develop and make progress within the four walls of this State.

Mr. S. K. Subrahmaniam Ayyar.—It is as President of the Economic Development Committee and not as the Director of Public Instruction.